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IDENTIFICATION OF "MATCHMAKER" AND ADVISABILITY  
 OF LETTING CERTAIN STUDENTS STAY IN THE U.S.A.

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To VICTOR.

The Master [KhoZYain] of the FACTORY [FABRIKA][i] (henceforth "MATCHMAKER" [SVAT][ii]) has returned to TYRE [TIR][iii]. In view of the increase in the establishment of the FACTORY he has decided not to send home a foursome [ChETVERKA][iv] of the students, to review their

[38 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group garbled] with the consent of Comrade MIKOYAN[v]. Let us know quickly whether there is any objection to letting the students stay and to whom personally. We consider it advisable to give the Four [ChETVERKA] an opportunity to show in the next 2 or 3 months that they justify the hopes that the Centre[vi] has of them and, if you agree, elucidate the question to them in this way.

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MAY [MAJ][vii]

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Comments: [i] FABRIKA: the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

[ii] SVAT: Mikhail Maksimovich GUSEV, president of Amtorg and chairman of the board of directors. SVAT is translated as "MATCHMAKER" because there is no single word in English to translate its other meaning of "son- or daughter-in-law's father". In the original, however, it is clear that it falls in the same group of cover-names as GRANDPAPA and STEPFATHER denoting prominent Soviet personalities in the U.S.A.

[iii] TIR: NEW YORK, N.Y.

[iv] This use of ChETVERKA in connection with "the students" seems to confirm the belief that the Ten [DESYATKA] and the Nine [DEVYATKA] alike designate the students collectively in whatever number they exist at the time.

[v] People's Commissar of Foreign Trade at MOSCOW.

[vi] I.e. MOSCOW.

[vii] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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